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.....UNCC professor

**Esther Page-Hill
Receives Doctorate**

Esther Page Hill, associate professor of Visual Arts completed the Ph.D. program in Art Education at the Florida State University recently. The focus of Dr. Hill's research was the development of a collaborative inter-institutional plan for an Aesthetic Education Learning Center between the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. Theoretical bases were drawn from the disciplines of aesthetics and sociology. The main focus of the plan is upon adaptations of social change theory in developing this collaborative, interactive program for getting people to work together to solve problems and effect changes in arts teaching.

Aesthetics affords the content for pre-service and in-service classroom teachers by providing them with a) knowledge about the arts; b) increased perception; c) the ability to understand and respond aesthetically to arts forms in society; d) skill in producing and judging arts forms; e) experience that will help change attitudes and build confidence in their ability to perceive and judge arts forms; and f) skills in the special processes needed to guide aesthetic expressions in the classroom.

The need for an aesthetic education program in the Charlotte area was identified several years ago during a symposium, "Exploring Aesthetic Values in the Community," sponsored by the College of Human Development and Learning at UNCC. A Steering Committee for Aesthetic Education was formed and a position statement setting forth goals for an aesthetic education program evolved from this group of arts teachers, classroom teachers, administrators at local and state levels, community arts leaders, and artists. According to Dr. Hill, grant proposals are under way for the implementation of this project. A pilot workshop is being planned for this fall. The project represents an effort to bridge the gap between theory and practice in fulfilling an education need.

Thornburg Speaks

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ber 10, 1985, he said, "Considering all the evidence that we (the Attorney General's Office) have presented in the rate hearings, we have shown that not one cent of the Duke Power Company's increase can be regarded as necessary, reasonable, justifiable, or fair. Not only that, our proposed findings of fact support our conclusion that Duke Power Company should decrease its annual gross revenues by more than \$190 million."

UNNUI opposed the 1985 Duke Power Company's rate increase request. This coalition of neighborhood groups and individuals held a Citizens Hearing at which representatives from all sides of the issue heard testimony from consumers, as well as a statement from Judge Thornburg.

This year the group again is sponsoring a petition drive and is planning attendance at the Tuesday, August 12, Utilities Commission Public Hearing to be held in Superior Court 305, Mecklenburg County Courthouse, 800 East Fourth Street, Charlotte.

UNNUI actively opposes this rate hike because it will increase unnecessarily Duke Power's revenues by causing additional hardships for those people on fixed incomes (i.e., senior citizens and low income families).

All concerned citizens are encouraged to attend this meeting at Antioch Baptist Church. Anyone needing transportation can call 372-0673 or 331-0622.

Samuel Pierce Praises Endorsement Of Fair Housing Program

Special To The Post
HUD Secretary Samuel R. Pierce Jr. recently praised the National Association of Realtors' endorsement of his Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP) and called it "a reflection of our Nation's commitment to civil rights for all Americans."

Support for the Administration's fair housing initiatives is a major shift in policy for the National Association of Realtors (NAR). The HUD Secretary noted that he and NAR President Clark Wallace have sent a joint letter to Congress urging support for the fair housing program.

"Now that we have resolved our differences with the NAR, we hope

the Congress will act quickly to pass this legislation," Secretary Pierce said. "We see no better time to reaffirm, with action, our government's commitment to civil rights."

Secretary Pierce has requested \$7 million for three components of the Fair Housing Initiative Program, including education and outreach, administrative enforcement, and private enforcement. Private enforcement activities could include "testing," and this portion of the legislation had been strongly opposed by the NAR.

"Under this proposed legislation, objective, reliable and controlled testing would be funded by HUD," Secretary Pierce added.

Under the administrative en-

forcement component, HUD would continue to fund State and local fair housing enforcement agencies.

Under the education and outreach component, HUD would provide funding to public and private entities. This would enable them to

conduct outreach and education programs for the general public and for housing industry groups.

"We look forward to continue working with the National Association of Realtors on this and other issues which affect the real estate

industry," Secretary Pierce added. "We applaud NAR President Wallace and the entire membership for their commitment to helping make the American Dream—a home of one's own—possible for all Americans."

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